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1. The reply filed on 7/21/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

a) The status of the claims section does not correctly recite the current claim status. Note that claims 1-29, 31-35, and 38-67 were cancelled on page 4 of the amendment filed on 7/21/2006. Further, note that claims 30 and 36-37 were previously cancelled in the amendment filed on 4/19/2001.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-6877 and whose e-mail address is (Stephen.Johnson@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The Central FAX phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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